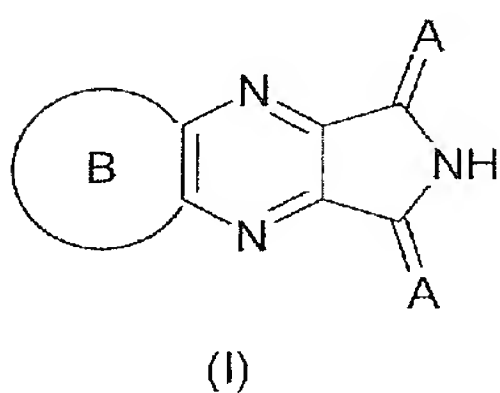
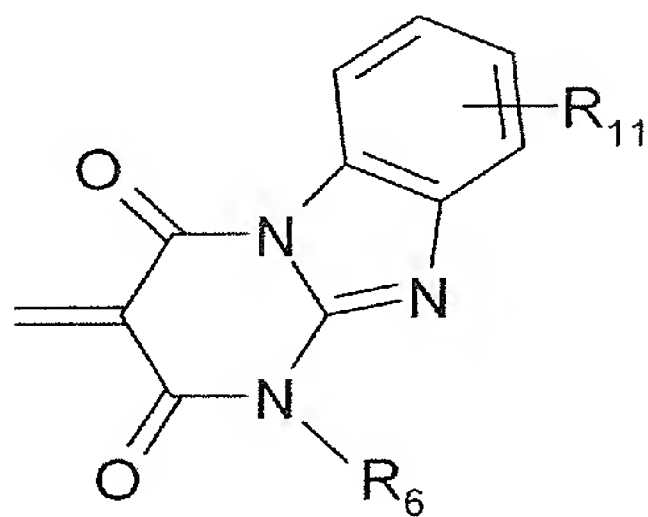
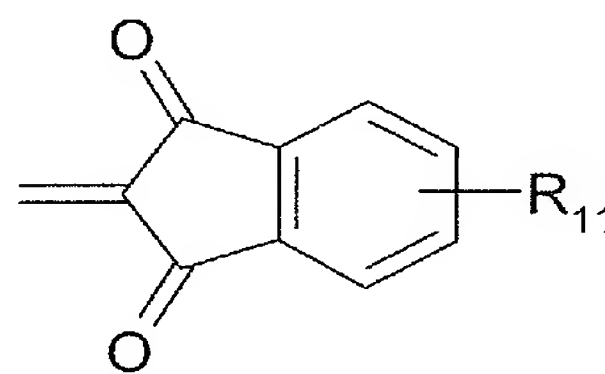
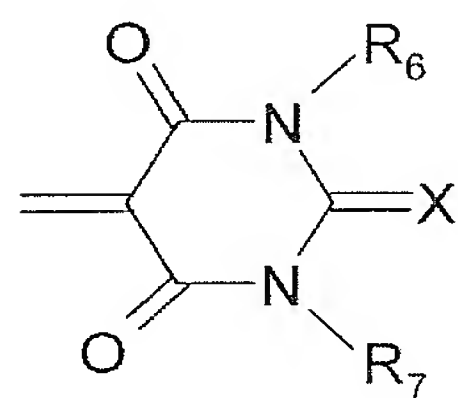


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula (I)



wherein A is a divalent, alicyclic or heterocyclic radical of the formula (a), (c) or (f)



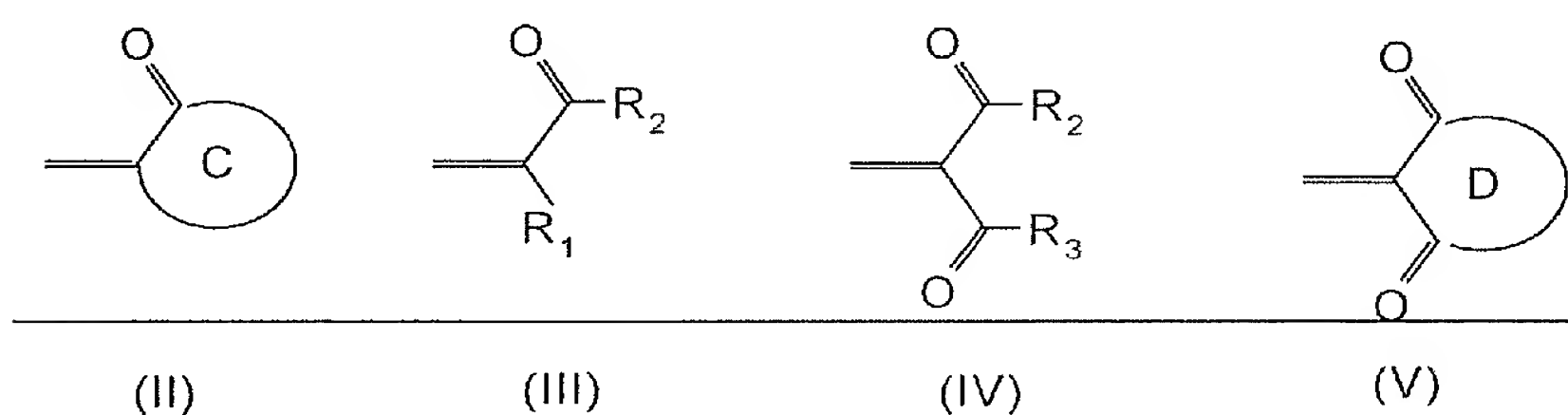
wherein

R₆ and R₇ independently of one another are hydrogen or C₁ to C₂₅ alkyl

X=O

R₁₁ is hydrogen, and

B is ortho-C₆-arylene group of the general formula (II), (III), (IV) or (V)



~~wherein C and D are an alicyclic or heterocyclic group;~~

~~R₁ is CN or is a 5 to 7 membered heteroaromatic radical having 1, 2 or 3~~

~~heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S,~~

~~and R₂ and R₃ independently of one another are C₁-C₂₅-alkyl, C₅-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, C₆-C₂₄-aryl, OH, OR₄ or NR₄R₅, wherein R₄ and R₅ are identical or different and are~~

~~hydrogen, C₁-C₂₅-alkyl, C₅-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, C₆-C₂₄-aryl unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals halogen, R⁰, OR⁰, SR⁰, NH₂, NHR⁰, NR⁰₂, NO₂, COOH, COOR⁰,~~

~~CONH₂, CONHR⁰, CONR⁰₂, CN, SO₃H, SO₂(OR⁰), SO₂R⁰, SO₂NHR⁰, SO₂NR⁰₂ a 5 to 7 membered heteroaromatic radical having 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from~~

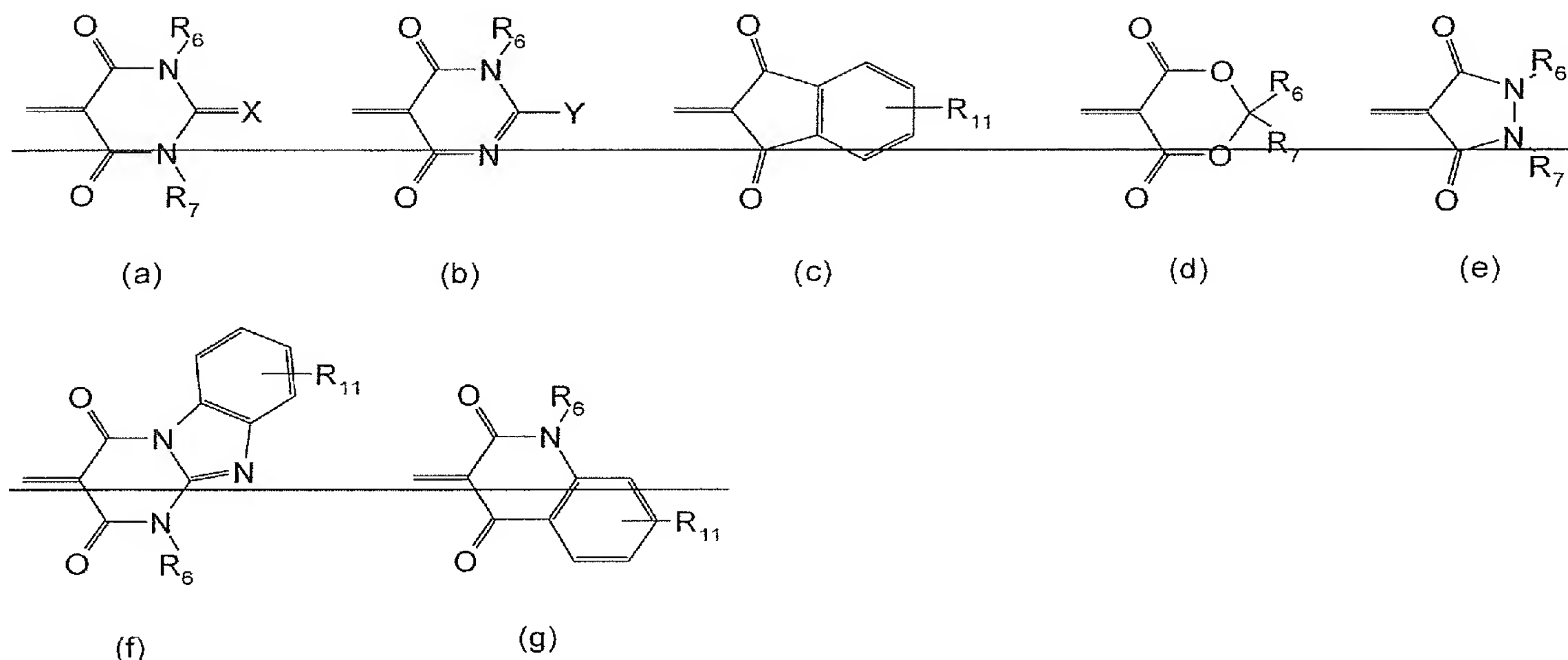
~~the group consisting of N, O, and S, or are a 5 to 7 membered heteroaromatic~~

~~radical having 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S,~~

~~R⁰ is C₁-C₁₈-alkyl or C₆-C₂₄-aryl;~~

~~and B is unsubstituted or mono to tetrasubstituted ortho-C₆-C₄₈-arylene.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R₆ and R₇
are hydrogen or C₁ to C₁₈-alkyl. ~~A is a divalent alicyclic or heterocyclic radical of the~~
~~formulae (a) to (g)~~



where R_6 and R_7 independently of one another are hydrogen, C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{42} cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{24} -aryl, C_4 - C_{25} -alkyl(C_6 - C_{40} -aryl), a 5- to 7-membered heteroaromatic radical having 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, S, $-(CH_2)_n-COR_8$ and $-(CH_2)_m-OR_9$, wherein R_8 is hydroxyl, amino, unsubstituted or mono- or polyhydroxyl- or amino-substituted C_1 - C_{25} -alkoxy, C_1 - C_{25} -alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl)amino, C_4 - C_{25} -alkyl(C_6 - C_{40} -aryl)amino, (C_6 - C_{24} -aryl)amino, di(C_6 - C_{24} -aryl)amino, C_4 - C_{25} -alkyl(C_6 - C_{40} -aryl)amino, or C_2 - C_{24} -alkenyloxy, and R_9 is hydrogen or $-CO-(C_1$ - C_{25} -alkyl), and n and m independently of one another are an integer from 0 to 6, and wherein in R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , and R_9 , optionally a C-C unit is replaced by an ether unit C-O-C,

X is $=O$, $=S$ or $=NR_{10}$, wherein R_{10} has one of the definitions of R_6 ,

Y is hydrogen, R_7 , OR_7 , SR_7 , $NHCN$ or NR_7R_{10} ,

and R_{11} is hydrogen, halogen, CN , R_7 , OR_7 , SR_7 , NR_7R_{10} , NO_2 , $SO_2(OR_7)$, SO_2R_7 , SO_2NHR_7 , $SO_2N(R_7)_2$ or $PO_2(OR_7)$.

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3. through 12 (Cancelled)